TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1105.

Thursday the 15th May, 1930/2nd Edavam 1105.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-thirty of the Clock with the Deputy President in the Chair.

The following members were absent :—

1. Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.
2. Mr. L. A. Lampard.

Irrigation Channels and Water Cess.

198. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total length of channels maintained under the Kodayar Irrigation Scheme and the amount spent on silt removal in 1103, 1104 and 1105 ;

(*b*) the total amount of water cess realised from the wet lands under the commanded area in 1104 ; and

(*c*) the total length of channels abandoned during 1103, 1104 and 1105 ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*)

Year.	*Length of channel maintained.*	*Amount spent on silt clearance.*
1103	324·945 miles.	Rs. 2,610.
1104	Do.	Rs. 4,412.
1105	Same length will be maintained.	No clearance has been done up to February 1930.

(*b*) Rs. 35,806-8-0 from old wet lands.
Rs. 1,21,809-17-9 from new conversions.

(*c*) No channels have been abandoned.

Purchase of motor lorries by the Divisional Forest Officer, Quilon.

199. **MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Quilon Divisional Forest Officer has purchased a big motor lorry in the name of his brother from Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield, Ltd., Quilon, for a nominal price;

(*b*) the agreed price and the amount paid ;

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(*c*) whether Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield are purchasers of timber from the Quilon Divisional Forest Officer;

(*d*) whether the said lorry is used for transporting fire-wood from the forest areas under his jurisdiction; and

(*e*) whether the Divisional Forest Officer is negotiating for the purchase of more lorries from Messrs. Stanes & Co, and other firms?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Yes; they are purchasers of Government timber.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

Value of Motor Vehicles and accessories imported and petrol consumed.

200. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the value of motor vehicles and their accessories imported into, and the value of petrol consumed in, Travancore from the 1st Chingom to the 1st Dhanu of the current year (1105)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The value of motor vehicles and accessories imported into Travancore is Bh. Rs. 3,37,051. No information is available regarding the value of petrol consumed during the period. The value of petrol imported during the period is Bh. Rs. 5,54,144.

Filling up of permanent vacancies of Magistrates.

201. **MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list showing the permanent vacancies of Magistrates which are not yet (18-5-1105) permanently filled up as well as the duration of each of them?

(2) Will they be pleased to state the reasons for not filling these permanent vacancies permanently?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) The list* required by the member is laid on the table.

(2) Magistrates have been appointed in all these vacancies. The question of filling up the vacancies permanently is under consideration.

Statement of Munsiffs recruited from the Bar.

202. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Munsiffs recruited from the Bar during the five years ending Vrischikam 1105?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A statement † containing the information called for is laid on the table.

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